Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Valerius "Jack" Opitz is retiring from his position as Regional Supervisor of Region 4 for the Department of Game, Fish and Parks Division of Wildlife in Watertown on June 8, 1990; and,

WHEREAS, Although embarking on his lengthy career in 1949 as none other than a "fish monger" at the old Pickeral Lake Fish Hatchery, Jack returned to a more befitting vocation as a conservation officer and eventually a regional supervisor; and,

WHEREAS, Jack has served as a faithful employee of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks for 41 years, suffering pheasant highs and lows, snow storms, goose depredation, irate county commissioners, totem pole climbing subordinates and other terrible disasters in northeast South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Jack has strived to promote goodwill between the Department of Game, Fish and Parks and the sportsmen, landowners, and countless other constituents in the state of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Jack has diligently worked to enhance, conserve, and protect fish and wildlife populations and their associated outdoor recreational opportunities throughout South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that friends and family gather on this day to honor and recognize the outstanding contributions made by Jack throughout his career to the citizens of the state of South Dakota:

NOW THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 8, 1990, as

JACK OPITZ DAY

in South Dakota, and I personally commend and salute Jack for his contributions in managing the state's fish, wildlife, and other natural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the citizens of the state of South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE